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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.565 **Dated:22.08.2024**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.169, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt:22.08.2024

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the D.G., ACB during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Vizianagaragam District, on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifcally admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the time specifed in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside infuence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be resumed that Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, VRO,Peddapuram III, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The District Collector, East Godavari/Kakinada

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PATRAPALLI GANGADHAR RAMA RAO, 50 YEARS, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, PEDDAPURAM-III, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, 50 years, Village Revenue Officer, Peddapuram-III, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 12.07.2019 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of surprise check) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Peddapuram-III, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has directly collected the applications from the Mee-Seva Centre without entering in to the concerned registers

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e. he has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and also showed slack supervision and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)&(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE -II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PATRAPALLI GANGADHAR RAMA RAO, 50 YEARS, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, PEDDAPURAM-III, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Sri P.Gangadhar Rama Rao, 50 years, Village Revenue Officer is a native of Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District). His date of birth is 03.08.1973. He joined in the Government Service on 13.09.1998 as Village Revenue Assistant at Peddapuram. Later he was promoted as VRO on 07.05.2008 and working in the same capacity at Peddapuram-III from 12.07.2019 to date of surprise check. His basic pay is Rs. 23,100/-(16,400-49,870). He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2035. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Brief facts:

On credible information that the Tahsildar and the staff of O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari district were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting (bribe) mamools from the persons who approaches the O/o Tahsildar for their works and abusing their official position. As such after obtaining permission from ACB, Head Office, Vijayawada, the DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram conducted a surprise check in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District(previously East Godavari District) in the presence of Mediators namely, 1) Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, 38 years, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru, East Godavari District, R/o Flat No.202, Samrat Ashok, Kings Paradise Apartment, Sainagar, Morampudi and 2) Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, 38 years, Proh. & Excise Sub-Inspector, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North, R/o Flat No.C-2, High Rise Apartment, Gaadhalamma Nagar, Morampudi, Rajamahendravaram from 11.45 hrs to 23.45 hrs on 24.01.2020, found irregularities and laps in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal and same was mentioned in Surprise check proceedings dated. 24.01.2020.

During the surprise check the DSP, ACB found irregularities of the Government Servant and the same are following.

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Directly collected the applications from the Mee-Seva Centre

On the request of the DSP, the Government Servant produced the following applications from their respective offices located away from the office. When they were cross-checked with the Mutation In-ward Register being maintained in the Tahsildar office, the details were not entered in the register. On enquiry, the Government Servant directly collected the applications from the Mee-Seva Centre and caused field enquiries and obtained the approval from the Tahsildar.

The details of applications produced by the Government Servant are as under.

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Date of filing application	Observations by ACB
1	Desina Sarika, W/o V.V. Satyanarayana.	03.09.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 26.09.2019 by the Tahsildar without the recommendation of the RI.
2	Peddi Durga Srinivas, S/o Yesubabu	03.08.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 26.09.2019 by the Tahsildar without the recommendation of the RI.
3	Goli Surya Sailakshmi, W/o V.V. Satyanarayana, Peddapuram	27.08.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 26.09.2019 by the Tahsildar without the recommendation of the RI.
4	Yejjarapureddi Nookaraju, S/o Satyam	20.08.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 18.09.2019 by the Tahsildar without the recommendation of the RI.
5	Kuripalli Sridevi, W/o Nageswara Rao	04.09.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 24.09.2019 by the Tahsildar.
6	Kanda Prabhavathi, W/o Nagababu	24.10.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 22.11.2019 by the Tahsildar.
7	Vanka Venkata Lakshmi, W/o Veerraju.	14.08.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 12.09.2019 by the Tahsildar.
8	Madduguri Geethalatha, W/o Somasundara Rao	12.11.2019	Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 13.12.2019 by the Tahsildar.
9	Gadigatla Veerabhadra rao, S/o Veerraju		Not entered in the Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register being maintained in the office of Tahsildar but it was approved on 26.09.2019 by the Tahsildar without the recommendation of the RI.

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That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Peddapuram-III, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has directly collected the applications from the Mee-Seva Centre without entering in to the concerned registers.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the course of Surprise check, the Government Servant has produced the applications. After due perusal when they were cross-checked with the Mutation In-ward Register being maintained in the Tahsildar office, the details were not entered in the register. On enquiry, the Government Servant stated that he had directly collected the applications from the Mee-Seva Centre and caused field enquiries and obtained the approval from the Tahsildar.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1, 2 & 3 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1&2 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)&(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered himself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

24. **Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru** :-

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

25. **Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, Sub-Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North:**

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

26. **Statement of Sri. S.Mallibabu, S/o. S.B.S.R. Acharyulu, Age: 53 , presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, O/o. Revenue Divisional Office, Peddapuram, R/o. Kondayyapeta, Kakinada, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District).**

On examination he stated that the procedural aspects about online mutation application and e-Passboks and he further stated about the happening of illegal Mining at Rameswaram Metta and irregularities committed by Tahsildar etc facts.,

Any other witness produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE -IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District).

It provides the details of events happened on the day of Surprise Check including engaging of a private person on behalf of V.R.A, Kandrakota village in Tahsildar Office seizure of documents, registers, non maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and other irregularities etc.,

2. Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register.

The register is being maintained from 01.01.2019 and it contains 170 pages. The details of 13 applications were not entered in the register.

Any other documents produced during the enquiry.

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